

University of Alaska Southeast

# The Whalesong

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## Halloween helping

Food drive nets 486 pounds in two hours

By Mark Insteness  
Whalesong Contributor

On the chill evening of Oct. 30th, the day before Halloween, challenging the elements of fog and mist which was so thick you could cut it with a knife, six UAS students set out to fulfill a mission which had been conceived only two weeks before. The mission was to put a new face on Halloween and to make a difference in the lives of a portion of the many needy members of the Juneau community, by conducting a canned food drive door-to-door, much like trick-or-treating.

Two weeks prior, during the Student Government meeting, as ideas were being discussed concerning ways in which UAS could contribute to the Juneau community, a recurring theme of the neediness of people during the holidays surfaced. It was pointed out that holidays are when the shelves of the local food banks are the emptiest and so needed to be supported. This sparked an enthusiastic discussion, which culminated in the decision to conduct a canned food drive on the day before Halloween.

The food that was collected would be delivered to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank where it would then be distributed to those folks who could use it the most. Of major concern was the transportation of the canned goods once they had been collected. Tish Griffin, Director of Student Activities & Housing, was able to contact Princess Tours, which immediately donated a bus and driver to transport the crew and the canned goods.

The day of the event arrived and the stage was set. The crew was ready and excited, the transportation was available and there had been public radio announcements along with a plug from Chancellor John Pugh during the radio show "Talk Alaska" that morning. The area chosen for the focus of this food drive were the adjacent streets off of Riverside Drive as there is such a high population density there. The food drive participants met in the parking lot of the Juneau Racquet Club and started out.

The response from the community was overwhelming! Almost 100 percent of the households

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Photo by Levi Russell

In just two hours, UAS students collected 486 pounds of canned goods during the "Trick or Treat for Cans" event.

## Talent show small but still rocks campus

By Sean Smith  
Whalesong Staff

The annual UAS talent show took place on Saturday Nov. 2 with acts ranging from singers, flashy dancers, to a stand up comic after being postponed the previous week due to the lack of interest.

"The turnout was good, we got a lot more than we expected and the performances were better than anticipated," Dambo Sakala said of the event that he organized and hosted.

The hour-long contest was complete with a trophy for the winner, which will be used as first prize again next year. Contestants also competed for the first, second, and third place prizes that will be given out at a later date. Luis Silva and his band took home first place, while guitarist David Conway battled for second place bragging rights with a dance group made up of Lissa Cooper, Vanessa Tagsip and Mary Manalansan, a dance group, battled. The acts were judged upon by the crowd's response, which gave Conway's solo performance the edge over the dance routine.

"Everyone that performed was great, we had no idea that we would place at the top of all the acts," Silva said about his band being judged as the first place winners after only two days of preparation before the show.

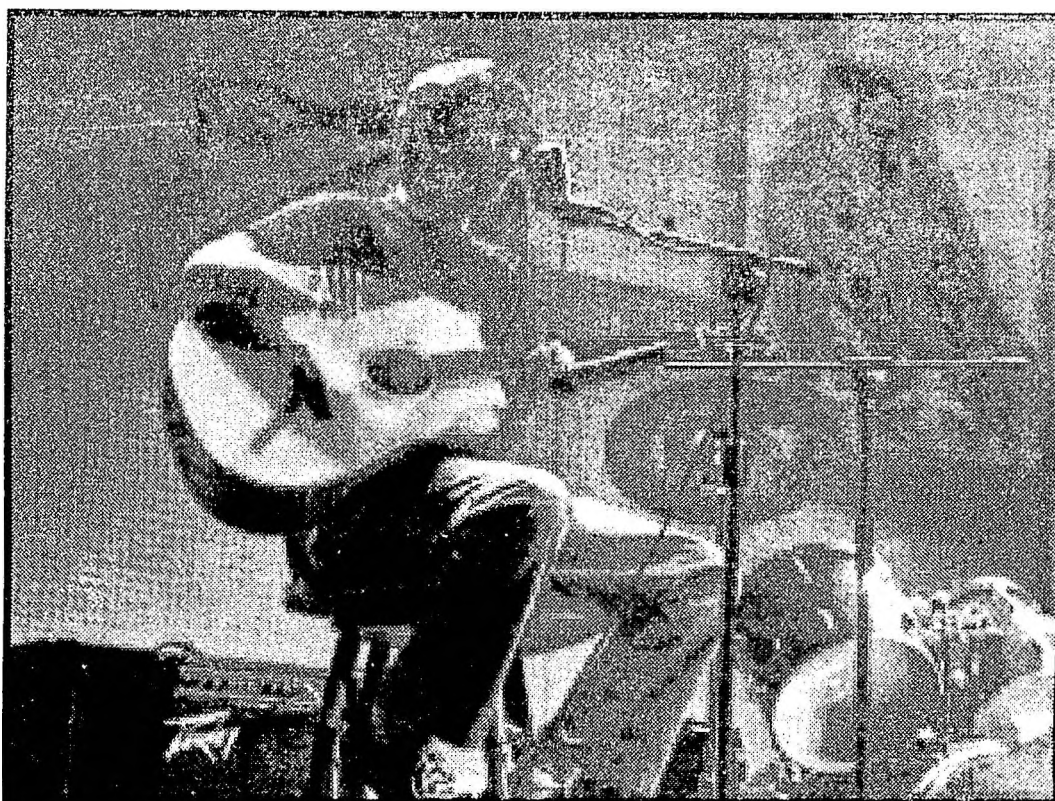


Photo by Dave Klien

Guitarist David Conway was one of the contestants battling for the first place trophy and prize on Nov. 2.

"The voting was unfair, they should have had individual judges," said Tagsip. "Some performers had a larger support group to cheer for them than others did, the contestants were not necessarily judged on talent, but popularity."

The show was to take place the previous week on Oct. 26, but because more acts were needed the date was changed tell after Halloween. Phone calls were made in order to recruit more acts and the effort really paid off according to Sakala. He said Alissa Bellah and Katie Tripp, both performers, who assisted him in the organized event, were crucial to the show's success.

## Internationally known Dr. visits UAS

By Sean Smith  
Whalesong Staff

You just can't keep some people down.

Despite being stuck in Ketchikan due to fog for the duration of his scheduled visit there, Dr. Kevin Bales, author of the Pulitzer Prize nominated book Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy, and this years Bartlett Lecture Series speaker, made a visit to UAS Juneau Campus on Friday Nov. 1, to talk about slaves in the our present world economy. He presented a short film that won both an Emmy and Peabody Awards at a luncheon in the Lake Room followed by a lecture in the Egan Library that night.

"There are an estimated 27 million people enslaved



Photo by Scott Foster

About 50 people attended Dr. Kevin Bales' noon film and presentation and over 200 attended his evening lecture.

around the globe," Bales said as he began his speech. "And everyone in this room is benefitting from those slaves in one way or another."

Dr. Bales is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Surrey Roehampton in London, the Director of Free the Slaves International, a Trustee of Anti-Slavery International (the worlds oldest human rights organization), and a consultant to the United Nations Global Program on Trafficking Human Beings.

Bales told stories of his inspections of other countries' cash crops, most of which took place in India and the Ivory Coast of Africa. He explained how everyone contributes to slavery whether they know it or not. Some people might buy chocolate that was produced from Ivory Coast cocoa,

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## UAS shuttle service: a necessity, not a convenience

Anonymous Whalesong Contributor

We are now approaching the winter months. Every morning the air is colder, and the darkness lasts longer. Many of you may have noticed that the shuttle service that begins every year around this time has not begun yet. Some of you new to UAS may have not known that a shuttle service was ever offered. Well, there was, and it was nice. You could stand outside designated areas, and within 15 minutes, a van would arrive on a continuous route to the SAC, Anderson Building, and campus. So many of us appreciated this "convenience" as the faculty may call it, and yet there will be no shuttle this year.

What the faculty is not aware of is that the shuttle was not a convenience, it was a necessity. A 15-minute walk to campus does not bother most. A 25-minute walk to the Anderson Building would not be so bad either; that is, if the lives of those without transportation were not at stake every time they wanted to attend class. The walk down the road from the housing path to where DeHart's is does not contain a sidewalk. It is not safe to be walking along there during the day, but at night, the darkness and fog make it nearly impossible for cars to notice pedestrians on the side of the road.

So, you make it to the sidewalk at the bottom of the hill. Well, it just so happens that the walkway isn't on the same side of the street that Anderson building is. How convenient. Throw in a blind turn with speeding cars, what else could

you ask for? How about some snow? When there is snow and ice on the road you cannot hear the cars coming anymore. You are forced to run across the street (without falling) and launch yourself over the snow bank, hopefully to safety. Not so fast, say there is a car, whether you are in the middle of the street or not, it is difficult for cars to stop quickly in the snow.

So, what are our options? Here's one-how about not attending class? We all know that this is not the solution. Many of us are wondering why the shuttle service is not going to start this year. You may have noticed the van parked in the housing lot, save the few occasion when the housing employee indulges themselves with a ride down to campus. So, what's the problem? Is \$7.75 an hour too much for the school to spare for a driver?

I don't know what is left for us to do. The petitions have circulated, and yet there is still no response. What if someone gets hurt? Hopefully it doesn't take this for the school to realize that this very important "convenience" would have been worth \$7.75 an hour if it saved that one person's life. I did not write this article to complain (at least that wasn't the only reason). I would just like the administration to know that these are the views of many of us students who do not have our own transportation. Our opinions will not be changed unless someone will respond to the reason for the shuttle service being canceled. A response would be greatly appreciated.

## A fun and healthy way to get through "crunch time"

By Benjamin Nestler  
Whalesong Staff

Most of us started this semester with the idea that we were going to get to class on time and go every day, exercise, eat right, sleep right, and feel good about ourselves. With the onslaught of midterms comes the true test of those new-year resolutions. Fitting these goals into a workable schedule hopefully is possible, but when you're faced with the prospect of trimming something out of your schedule, is it the exercise that goes first? I would like to convince you that this is the worst thing you can do for your body!

Director of Student Activities, Tish Griffin said, "Right now, when you really need it, a regular workout will kick your health into gear during hard stress times." Working out actually increases endorphins in your body, which is a natural pain reliever and stress reducer. It would be more beneficial to sleep a half hour less and go to the club, hitting the weights or jumping on a treadmill.

One student, Will Andrews, said he makes sure to go to the club at least five days a week. As he put it, "You won't have anything except your body for the rest of your life, so take care of it." Although most of us don't have the time to go that often, the Alaska Club is open seven days a week. For full-time students, UAS has an agreement to allow use Monday through Friday from 1-3 p.m., and 8:45-10:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday is available from noon-2 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. An upgrade to full membership costs only \$168 per semester and is an awesome investment. The club is available Monday through Friday, from 4:45 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Weekend use is available from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

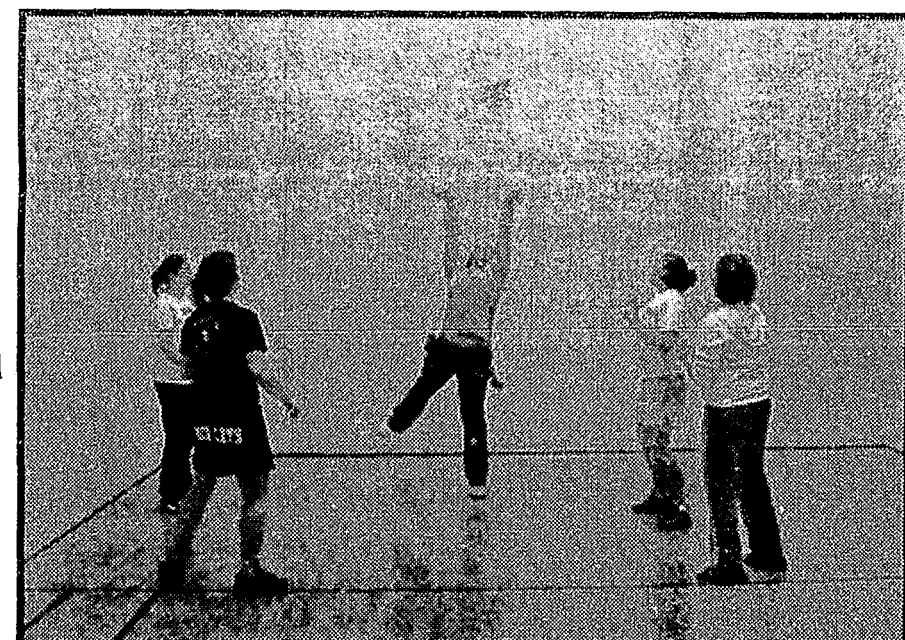


Photo by Benjamin Nestler

Jesse Riesenberger, Melissa Ann Novack, Jessica Ann Crockcroft, Julie Patz, and Sunni Garnick take advantage of UAS' agreement with the Alaska Club.

Stacey Farley, student, said "I go to play racquetball, run, lift weights, and use the sauna; I try to go three times a week." Another student, Mike Rolfe, said he goes to play racquetball and lift weights whenever he has free time. One complaint about the student membership that was mentioned was the fact that the group fitness classes are unavailable to students because they are never scheduled during student hours.

According to Alaska Club employee Heather Johnson, the group fitness classes are only available to those students who pay for the membership upgrade, or full members. Johnson did say

that the membership for students enrolled in the fall semester goes until Jan. 12, 2003, which is the day before spring semester starts. So if you are here for Christmas break, your workout schedule does not need to be interrupted for the holiday season.

When asked about expanding hours available, Griffin said additional hours have been purchased by student government in years past, but usage did not increase. Visits in October of last year numbered a little over 900, compared with 477 in December by students. That is why it is so important to get into a routine or a schedule and do your best to stick to it. Even a little exercise will boost those energy levels.

The relationship UAS has with the Alaska Club is not expected to continue with the opening of the new Recreation Center in 2005. UAS has had this agreement with the Alaska Club since the early 1980s and no other clubs in Juneau have offered such a comprehensive array of workout equipment and space. This agreement costs us as students almost \$27,000 a year, which comes out of the money collected from the student governance fee.

### Letters to the Editor

The Whalesong gladly accepts letters to the editor. Letters may not exceed 300 words, and may be edited for length, clarity, and grammar. Letters must be signed and include a means of contact for verification. Send your letters to 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK 99801, [whalesong@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:whalesong@uas.alaska.edu), by fax to (907) 465-6399, or bring them to Room 102, Mourant Bldg.

## Fulfill your dream through the UAS Literary Journal

By Rosa Fonseca  
Whalesong Staff

People say that everyone should reach three goals in life: plant a tree, have a child and write a book.

Upper-division English students have started UAS English Club this semester with a project that can help students fulfill the dream of becoming published authors or photographers. The project is the first UAS Literary Journal, which is receiving submissions through Dec. 16.

They are also soliciting submissions for a title for the journal and they have received some 10 entries so far. The English club will get together on Nov. 15, and vote on the winning title. Later, they will select pieces for the 94-page highly polished publication, which will come out in April of 2003.

"This is the perfect opportunity for students to see their work in print," said English professor Alexis Easley, who explained that any student may submit original works of poetry, short fiction, essays, artwork, and photography. She said, "It's a wonderful thing to put in your résumé, that you are a published author, and a published painter or photographer."

Easley sees the literary journal as a student-run operation with faculty helping out like guardian angels.

"We have some just amazing students

right now so we are very lucky. I think it will be a fabulous journal when it comes out," she said.

Clarissa Pentecost, Jessica Lorenz, Danél Griffin and Donna Douglass are some of the students involved the project that will require hiring two student editors. The editor positions will be open in the fall.

"It will be a really valuable experience for those students to learn to put together a book like that," said Easley.

The layout will be done by the graphic artist Greg Cohen, but the editors will develop the criteria to select the pieces, arrange them and select the artwork. The editors will also work with the faculty and advisors.

Lorenz said they are hoping to publish this Literary Journal once a year and that a number of other ideas for the English club activities have been considered. According to her, they are thinking about a book sale, development for scholarship, and a Christmas literary reading.

For those who dream of writing a book someday, here is a chance to experience being published. Now is the time to go through notebooks and journals to look for that special poem, piece of writing or that favorite photograph, which deserves to be published.

## Return to sender: getting rid of your junk mail

By Vita Wilson  
Whalesong Staff

I try to ignore most forwarded email messages. But one day I received this great email with suggestions on what you should do with your junk postal mail. I've tried writing to the addresses I've heard will help cut down on my junk mail; it doesn't work. And I've written to businesses, requesting they remove my name from their distribution lists, but every time I order something from a business, it seems they begin sending twice as many catalogs as they did previously. I swear Victoria's Secret sends me a catalog every other day, and I'm not exaggerating.

So what can you do with your unwanted mail? Here's what this forwarded email recommended. I've tried it a couple times, and it's kind of fun to imagine people opening up their own advertisements. When you get ads in your phone or utility bill, include them with the payment. Let them throw it away. When you get those pre-approved letters in the mail for everything from credit cards to loans and junk like that, most of them come with postage paid return envelopes, right? Well, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in these cool little envelopes?

Send an ad for your local dry cleaner to American Express or a pizza coupon to Citibank. If you didn't get anything else that day, then just send them their application back!

If you want to remain anonymous, just make sure your name isn't on anything you send them. You can send it back empty if you want to just to keep them guessing! Eventually, the banks and credit card companies will begin getting all their junk back in the mail.

Let them know what it's like to get junk mail, and best of all THEY'RE paying for it! Twice! Let's help keep our postal service busy since they say e-mail is cutting into their business, and that's why they need to increase postage again!

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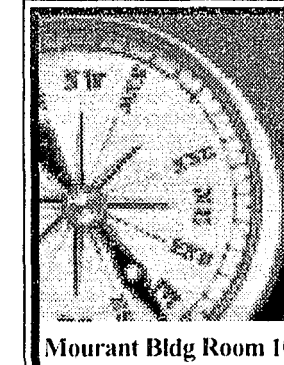
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Ginny Eckert, Assistant Professor of Biology

All Lectures are free, everyone is welcome, held on Fridays at 7 p.m. in the Egan Library.

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# FEATURES

## Challenged to lead

By Rosa Fonseca  
Whalesong Staff

If you think you have energy and enthusiasm to face the challenges of a remarkable college experience, you might want to consider the opportunity to become a UAS student leader.

Once again, Vicki Orazem, vice-provost for student success is inviting all students, who want to have a professional experience on campus, to apply for the UAS leadership program.

"I am searching for talented students of the same caliber as the student leaders we currently have working with us," Orazem said.

In the spring of 2002 the UAS Leadership Program had 25 students, who are now involved in activities such as student ambassadors, orientation leaders, freshman seminar teacher assistants (TA's), peer mentors, community advisors (CA's), and student government leaders.

Some of the students who were in last year's class represented the university and learned new leadership skills by organizing a service project, giving public speeches, and volunteering at university sponsored events.

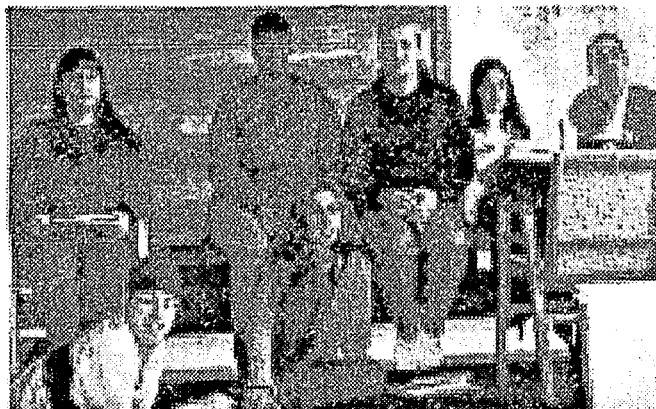
As this semester is coming to a close, students may begin evaluating all the events and people who have had an impact on them. Obstacles and challenges might make them look for new opportunities and experiences. If you are such as student, you might consider applying for this prestigious position on campus, which will develop your leadership skills. This may be the challenging new experience you are looking for.

Any students who are interested in the Leadership program should fill out an application form. Selected students will enroll in a three-credit leadership class, SPC 218/418 in Spring 2003, and participate in a campus leadership position for Fall 2003.

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## Bargain Basement Enlightenment

By Montgomery Mahaffey  
Whalesong Contributor

"I'm telling you, Guru Mai is beyond time and space. She'll be appearing live via satellite at the \_\_\_\_\_ Center," said Jack Elias, author of "Finding True Magic," to his students. "For just \$400, you can be there."

"I really don't have the money, Jack," said the teacher's pet.

"Any contact with this woman and your awakening is assured," continued Elias, his eyes widening. "Ask the universe and the universe will."

"The universe has told me there is no more money," said the pet.

"But for just \$400, you can have contact with Guru Mai, live via satellite," said Elias. "It's incredible how people have come into the money they needed to see this woman. The universe will provide..."

"The universe told me I already spent more than my share." The pet laughed and the rest of the class joined in.

This scene took place during a course on hypnotherapy I took several years ago. The only connection between a Hindu priestess based in upstate New York and a small class in Seattle was through our teacher - she was his "guru."

All I wanted was to learn how to hypnotize people to quit smoking and lose weight and I paid \$1600 for the privilege. What I got was a New Age junkie who scoffed at that as superficial self-improvement, when our future marks...ahem, clients were really yearning for transformation. His course would transform us into the elegant minds that could facilitate this profound experience after we conquered our "egoic minding." This would happen in six weekends, with a follow-up advanced independent study course; for \$1200, one could repeat everything covered in the beginner's course...on their time.

"My approach to hypnotherapy is transpersonal in the sense that I think the client's goal, whether she realizes it or not 'consciously,' is to be whole and at peace, moment by moment, in any and all situations, and, that regardless of the 'presenting problem,' the 'cure' will ultimately only be satisfying if it is rooted in, and merely an expression of, this wholeness and peacefulness." So wrote Jack Elias in "Finding True Magic."

In the nineties, there was big money to be made in exploiting the frustration of being merely human - everybody wanted to manifest their own destiny. Elias was a small fish in a large pond and most of the people in his living room were men and women of above average intelligence. One would think that they would have seen through him; yet everybody nodded knowingly during their transpersonal interactions with the sage who waved his magic markers like a wand. They lapped up his manure like kittens would a saucer of cream. They didn't notice he had something else to sell every weekend. They didn't notice that on Saturdays we were done an hour and a half earlier than advertised. They didn't notice he made an art out of wasting time.

I did, and not because of my brilliance - I was there, wasn't I? But I must have been the only person there who just wanted to know how to hypnotize people for shallow reasons. I wasn't interested in his religion, his guru, dialoging with my shadow side, or entity releasing (knowing how to send a ghost into the light that has possessed your client was absolutely necessary). My aggravation gave me clarity. I have to hand it to him, though; I think he told on himself deliberately.

"It is my contention that those who believe in the mind and apparently have achieved a great deal of happiness seemingly by following the dictates of the mind, still are experiencing the happiness beyond the mind as it is identified by and usurped by the mind as its own accomplishment," says Jack Elias in "Finding True Magic."

There is something undeniably appealing about the spirituality of the self-indulgent. There is neither guilt nor shame since everything we do is a misguided attempt to awaken to our pure hearts. Of course, we won't gain entrance to this heavenly state of harmony and plenty without the right teacher to guide us...for the right price. Who wouldn't love the idea of being the God of one's life? I'd be curious to know how New Age business has been since 9/11.

Besides witnessing that brainwashing requires consent, I did learn how to hypnotize people. But, I could have learned the basic techniques in a couple of days and figured out the rest from books and practicing on my friends. I think I made a grand total of \$100 in my short-lived career as a transformational hypnotherapist. Most people wanted to quit smoking and lose weight.

What does any of this have to do with life in Southeast Alaska? Nothing - it was just a fun article to write. Anyway, I can make you forget about reading this. Now I want you to DEEPLY...RE...lax...breathe in...breathe out...and...deepLY...reLAX...

## Students have fun, gain leadership experience at AFN convention

By Jenni Hotch-Hill  
Whalesong Contributor

Every October Native Alaska leaders from across the state gather to work on issues important to Native Alaskans during the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) convention in Anchorage.

This year, students in the UAS Cultural Club, Woonch Een, spent a week at the AFN convention to participate in leadership programs and events. Participants included Yarrow Vaara, Kecia Medina, Vivian Mork, and myself. Rose Natkong, Mary Folletti, Kolene Dunne and Julie Ayers also attended the convention and participated in some of the excellent workshops and opportunities offered.

AFN's focus this year was on getting out the Native Vote! We also listened to discussion on issues that affect Native Alaskan residents, such as education, subsistence, wellness and economic realities in villages at this annual convention.

Our week was very busy; it began with our "Shadow-A-Leader" project during the board meeting on Monday where we watched AFN leaders conduct their business by discussing resolutions that would be brought to the floor at this year's convention. At this meeting, each of us introduced ourselves and those of us who know the Tlingit language used Tlingit to perform the introduction. We were well received, with several leaders taking the time from their busy schedules to come and talk with us. We felt fortunate to be able to absorb how our leaders conduct business in a board meeting, a rare opportunity for people our age.

We also learned the importance of parliamentary procedure. As young Alaska Natives, we need to be comfortable with these procedures because Robert's Rules of Order are widely used at the AFN convention, and at the Tlingit & Haida General Assembly, as well as during the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood Grand Camp convention.

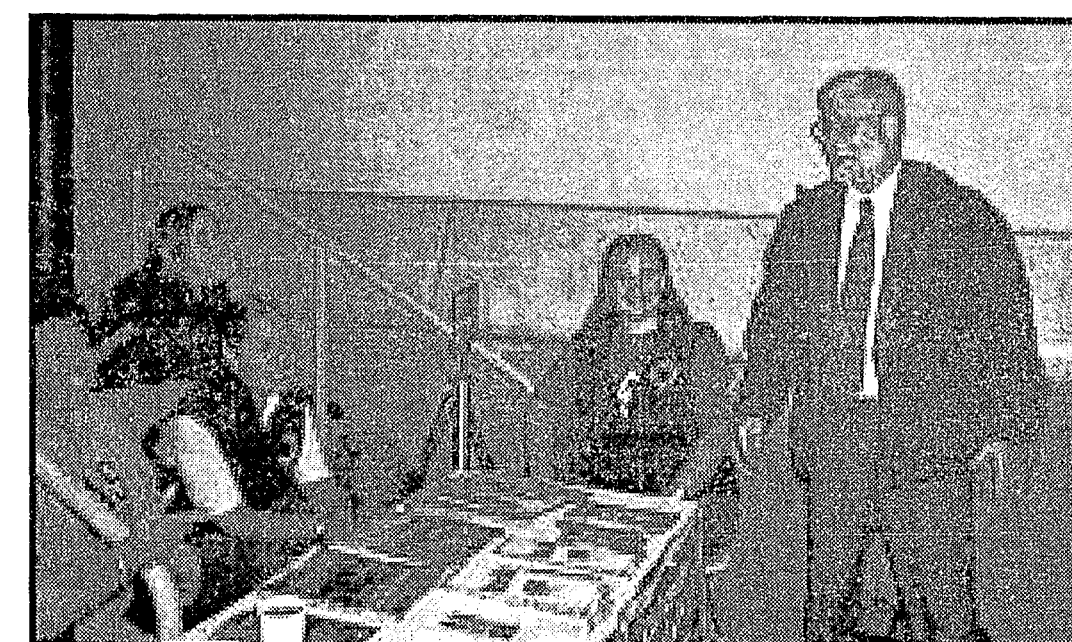


Photo courtesy of Janice Jackson  
Chancellor Pugh visits Woonch Een club members at the AFN convention.

On Tuesday we all helped recruit new students for UAS. Kecia and I took over Janice and Richard's spot at the table in the morning, while Yarrow and Vivian recruited in the afternoon. Chancellor John Pugh, who was in town for meetings, stopped by the Performing Arts Center to see how we were doing at our table.

On Wednesday, we attend the Leadership Summit hosted by the First Alaskans Institute. There were great speakers including Chief Evon Peter of the Arctic Village Traditional Council, a young man who talked about the importance of education for Native people. We also heard from Question Simion, winner of the 2001 Alaska Native Oratory Society, who gave a motivational speech about how Alaska Native men can improve their conditions. Finally, we heard from Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics who spoke in her Inupiaq language and then translated her speech into English. After listening to these speakers, we participated in an exercise of drafting resolutions for the AFN convention.

Following the Leadership Summit, there was a reception at the new First Alaskans office where we had the opportunity to network with young leaders from across the state. These networking events

were special opportunities for us; we got to meet interesting people who made us feel welcome and showed us how inspiring positive role models can be for younger people.

From Thursday through Saturday the AFN convention officially began with the process of meetings held under parliamentary procedures where the focus was on discussing and acting upon resolution of AFN. We were able to witness more leadership skills in action by being part of a large meeting of delegates who traveled great distances to come and vote on important issues for Native Alaskans.

Rosita Worl was one of the AFN leaders who spent a great deal of time with us. She made sure we understood

what was happening during the convention and that we also understood some of the politics behind the scenes. Some might say that was the real education! Rep. Albert Kookesh, AFN Co-Chair, took the time to make sure we had access to anything we needed. He introduced us to people and made sure that we tickets to the Native Voices Concert, Qujana (cultural dance night) and the banquet hosted by the First Alaskans.

Overall, we had a very good time at the AFN convention. It was a place where we could get re-motivated and network with other leaders from across the state. Even though the convention took us away from our classes at UAS for a whole week, we believe that it was well worth attending and participating in. As a result of this convention, the UAS Cultural Club, Woonch Een, is going to start up an Alaska Native Oratory Society based on the positive connections we made with other people at the AFN convention.

The convention is an annual event and I hope that even more students will be interested in attending next year. Gunaheesh to the UAS Student Government, Tlingit & Haida Community Council, Rosita Worl, Albert Kookesh of Sealaska Heritage Institute, and Paul Kraft for their tremendous support.

## Spring Registration Open Now!

By Lori Klein  
Whalesong Contributor

We may be on the second half of the fall semester, but it's time to gear up for spring! Registration for spring 2003 opens on Tuesday Nov. 12.

The spring 2003 schedule is available on the UAS website at [www.uas.alaska.edu](http://www.uas.alaska.edu) and will be available in printed format this week. Make an appointment with your advisor to review your program status and choose your classes.

The Records Office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for walk-in registration. Faxed registrations will also be accepted (fax number 465-6365). New students at a distance can register over the phone with an academic advisor. Returning students can register online at <http://students.alaska.edu/> with their student ID and PIN number. For information about PIN reset, please contact the Record's Office at 465-6458. Payment for spring 2003 courses is due January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

You are encouraged to register early, before the Holiday closure in December. Many courses fill up quickly so don't wait.

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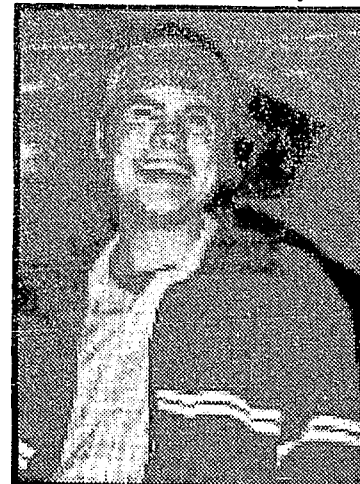


# PEOPLE & ENTERTAINMENT

## Voice on Campus Poll

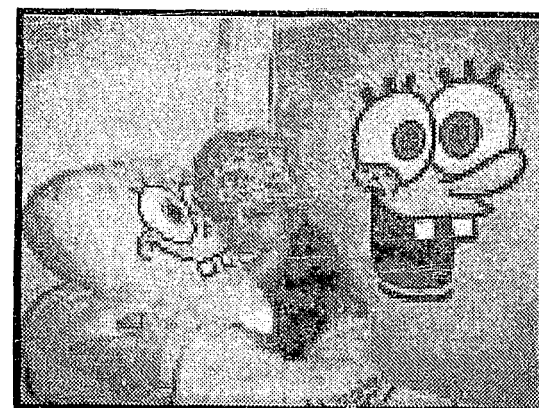
Photos and quotes collected by Rosa Fonseca

Who is your cartoon hero and why?



**Joel Wolfe**

"Elmer Fudd - because he has a big gun and a speech impediment."



**Amber Wood**

"I like Sponge Bob because he's always happy and no matter what people say or do to him, he's always confident."



**Adam Weed**

"Spider Man - he can do anything, and his theme song rocks."



**Shelley Meacham**

"Hobbes - he is playful, he loves life, he likes to sleep all the time, and he is sometimes vicious."



**Chris Grinder**

"Invador Zim - he always tries to kill all the human race, but he never succeeds because he's not as smart as he thinks he is."



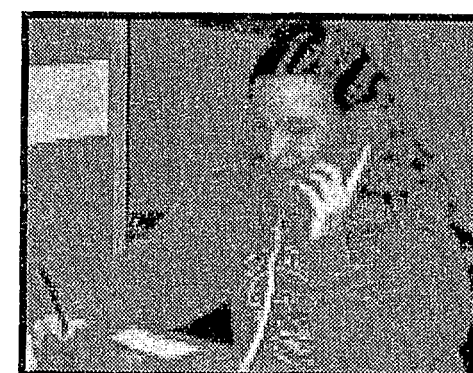
**Abby O'Brien**

"Sponge Bob Squarepants - because he smiles through adversity and he's always in a chipper mood."

## Student Government Profile

**Name:** Sara Blackburn

**Position:** Senator



### Why did you join Student Government?

I joined the Student Government because I wanted to be more involved in the school and my environment. It is a great way to get to know people and get involved in all the great activities.

### What are your plans for Student Government this year?

I plan to get more involved. This year, Student Government has taught me a lot about the school, my peers, and even other schools. I would like to do what the community wants, bring up new issues and act upon them.

### What is an issue you believe in and why?

I believe a person should always have fun. If you don't have fun, you are not enjoying life. Everything you do can be fun, if you make it.

### Why is voting important?

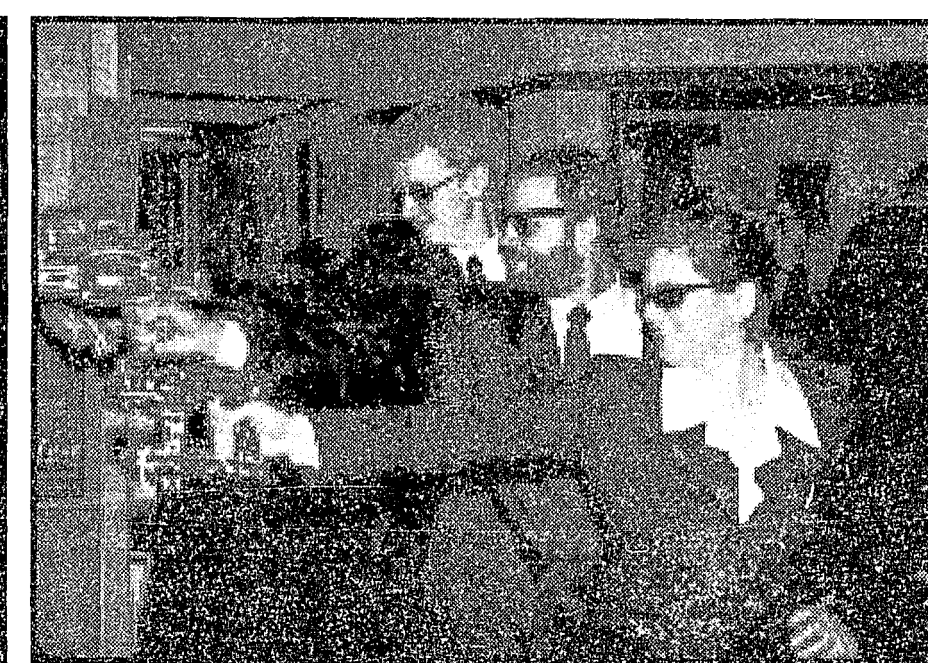
Voting is important because the community has such a great impact on the outcome of polls. If students vote, they will have their voice heard and wrong decisions made not be made. Everyone's opinion counts.

## Halloween Costume Contest Photos

Photos by Scott Foster



The Men In Black blasted the aliens and took home Best Group Costume for the Computing Services.



Elise Tomlinson was a "novel lover (at your library)." Egan library staff theme was the national library motto "find (fill in the blank)(at your library."

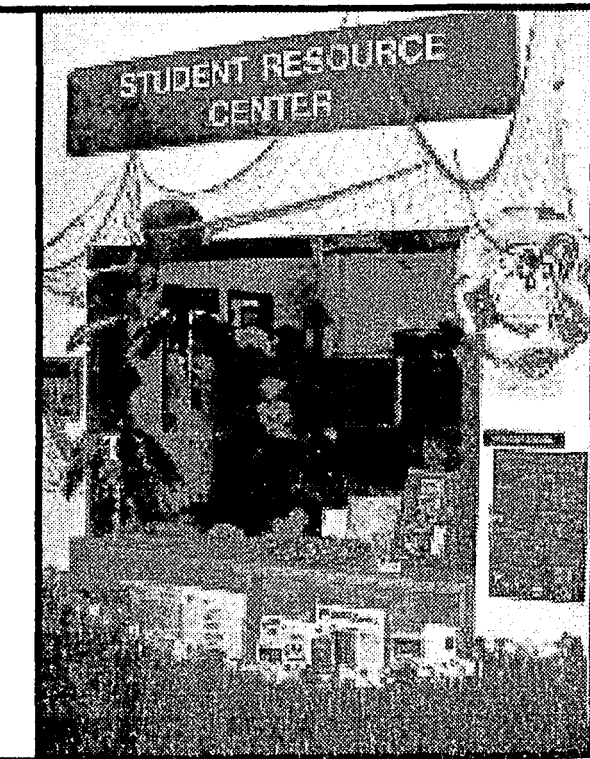


The Business Department dressed and decorated their department in a computer theme.



(Clockwise from the left) Emily Wescott and Terry Dean dressed in the Chancellor's office "Lord of the Rings" theme. Dean won Most Creative Individual Costume.

(Right) Student Resource Center, Records and Registration, and Financial Aid jointly won the Best Decorated Department category.



## Teacher Feature: Jennifer Coburn-Engquist

By Rosa Fonseca  
Whalesong Staff

Even for a Ph.D. in communications, describing the allure of Alaska's beauty can be a daunting task. But for Jennifer Coburn-Engquist, new communications professor at UAS, just absorbing the surroundings of Southeast Alaska is worth it. It also doesn't hurt if you really enjoy your job.

"I love it," Engquist said about working at UAS. "I couldn't ask for a better place to be. I've had the most incredible experience with students here. I have students who come to class with so much life experience, ready to go, ready to apply the information, so phenomenal students got me here."

After teaching at UAS two summers in a row, Engquist was hired as full time faculty. This fall semester, she is teaching argumentation and debate in public speaking, speech communication and intercultural communication.

Engquist did her bachelor's in communications at University of Colorado Boulder. Her master's and Ph.D. at University of Denver are in human communication; specifically she does work in critical theory, applying it to a variety of communication events. One surprise for her was the number, the breath and depth of courses offered at UAS.

"It's a solid program," she said. "Even in larger institutions you don't see the type of communication programs that are offered here. It's a wonderful place to be."

According to Engquist, being small provides an opportunity for faculty to talk across disciplines and make creative connections that are sometimes impossible at larger universities. It produces amazing student work and neat relationships with colleagues. Both students and faculty have a chance to see how people in other disciplines see the world.

Intercultural communication student, Kim Doane said, "Her communication skills are really good." According to Doane, it's impressive to see how Engquist is able to incorporate everyone's ideas, pulling something out and bringing it into the topic they are studying.

"She brings a lot of energy to the class and it's inspirational to have someone so youthful with a Ph.D.," said student Christy Burgess. "This class is making me aware of how I communicate."

For Engquist, interests at work and outside work are similar and intermixed. Her agendas are interconnected and she allows that connection to happen with her research interest.

"I'm an advocate of not a split of practicing something and theorizing about it," she said. Engquist hopes to publish a book someday. She also enjoys all the activities Juneau has to offer, and calls it a huge playground, where there is something to do every day of the week.

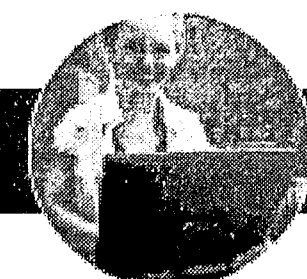
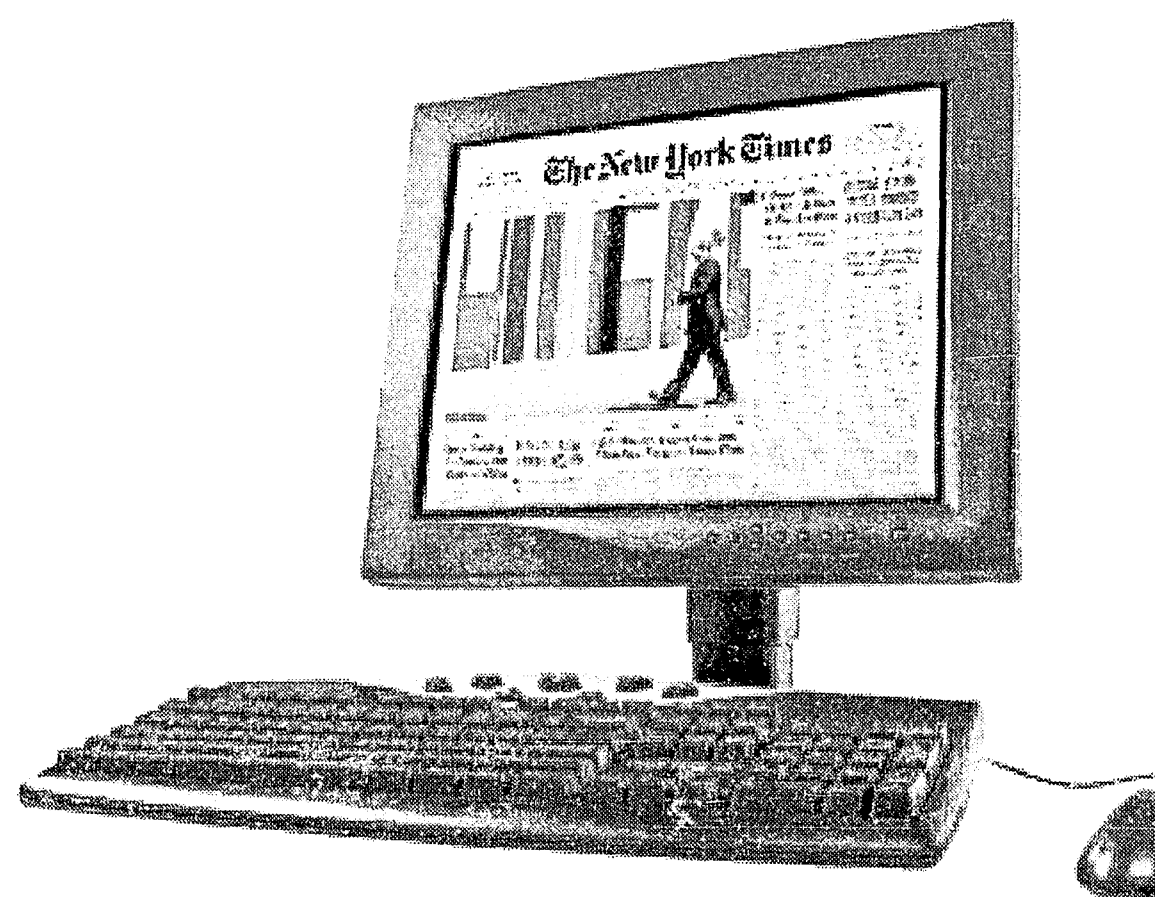
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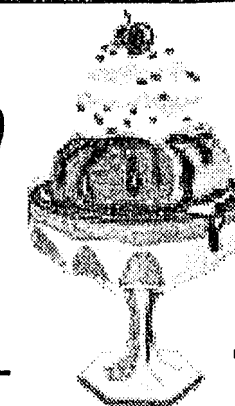
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## Preview



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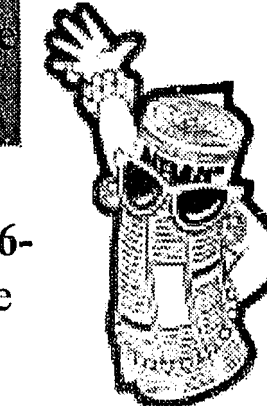
**Saturday, November 16 and 23-**  
Family bead circle  
and all ages bead activity  
4- 5:30 p.m. Free  
At Juneau-Douglas City Museum  
Contact Jane Lindsey-586-3572

**Thursday, November 21-**  
Native Alaskan Poetry  
writing  
with Nora & Richard  
Dauenhauer  
Lake Room, noon



**Friday, November 15-**  
AHC presents Tuvan throat  
singers  
from Mongolia  
Centennial Hall 8 p.m.  
Tickets at Bear Lodge  
door

**Tuesday, November 26-**  
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the students went to contributed more than one can. Levi Russell, one of the UAS participants stated, "Some of the households had heard the radio spots and had boxes of food waiting in their garages to be picked up!" The process was very simple. They would walk up to the door, introduce themselves, and present the reason for the food drive.

In only 2 1/2 hours these six UAS students were able to collect 486 pounds of canned goods which they happily delivered to the food bank. The contributions were very well and gratefully received! According to Tor Dahl, manager of the Southeast Alaska Food Bank, there is always a need for contributions of food and especially can goods, which have a long shelf life. The food bank is almost 100 percent reliant on volunteers and so anyone is welcome at any time to lend a hand to perform a variety of duties. As Tor so enthusiastically put it, "Volunteers help create what the food bank is...A caring place full of people with good attitudes who enjoy working there to provide an important service to the community."

Another organization that welcomes food donations from the community is The Glory Hole. The Glory Hole is a shelter for the homeless and people who are having hard times. It provides food, shelter, clothing and a number of services for these people from job finding to permanent housing.

"It's just a big house with a couple of hundred people living in it," said Lance Young, Glory Hole Director. Last Thanksgiving, the students of UAS collectively contributed 30 boxes of food for the Thanksgiving holiday which became part of the Glory Hole's 200 boxes of complete Thanksgiving dinners given out to needy families. Also, the organization held a large Thanksgiving dinner for needy people at the facility, which is an annual event. As a matter of fact, they are looking for volunteers to work at this year's Thanksgiving dinner as well as the Christmas party. "These holiday dinners are a huge undertaking and we can use all the help we can get," Young said.

What are the benefits a student would receive from participating in this type of event? According to Russell, "In giving, you feel better about yourself and you're in a better place".

"It's a reward in itself just to be out there helping the community," said Mark Graves, student body president.

A student's monetary resources are mainly tied up in paying for their education. The main resource a student has to offer is time and energy. As Graves so candidly put it, "It's easier for us to get out there and give our support, time and energy ... We're broke, we're young, and we can afford to spend some time ... It's a win-win situation as far as I'm concerned."

The community benefits from these UAS events because the people get to see the students active in the community and more community projects can be completed with the extra manpower. The fact that there are more people involved in community service makes the community a better place, and people in need who may not be able to do things for themselves are definitely benefited.

UAS benefits because the activity of its students in service projects for the community of Juneau helps to bridge the gap between the campus life and the community life. This type of community involvement by the students sends a clear and powerful message that UAS is a part of the community and is focused on being a positive force for its enrichment and betterment. Because of their unique status, students are really the only people who can bring this message to the community as ambassadors for UAS.

Getting involved is simple. You can contact any of the people in student government or student activities and they will be more than glad to answer any questions you might have or assist you in pursuing your own service projects on behalf of UAS. "One of the Goals of student government is to increase the community service role of UAS," says Graves. "Any student that is looking for any of these things and wants to be involved but doesn't know how. It's easy ... come see us! The door is always open and the phone line is always open!"



I am looking for concerned and motivated students to form a recycling club. Please let me know if you are interested **and** when and where the best times and days are for you. Contact Melanie Dohner [jsmmd2@uas.alaska.edu](mailto:jsmmd2@uas.alaska.edu).

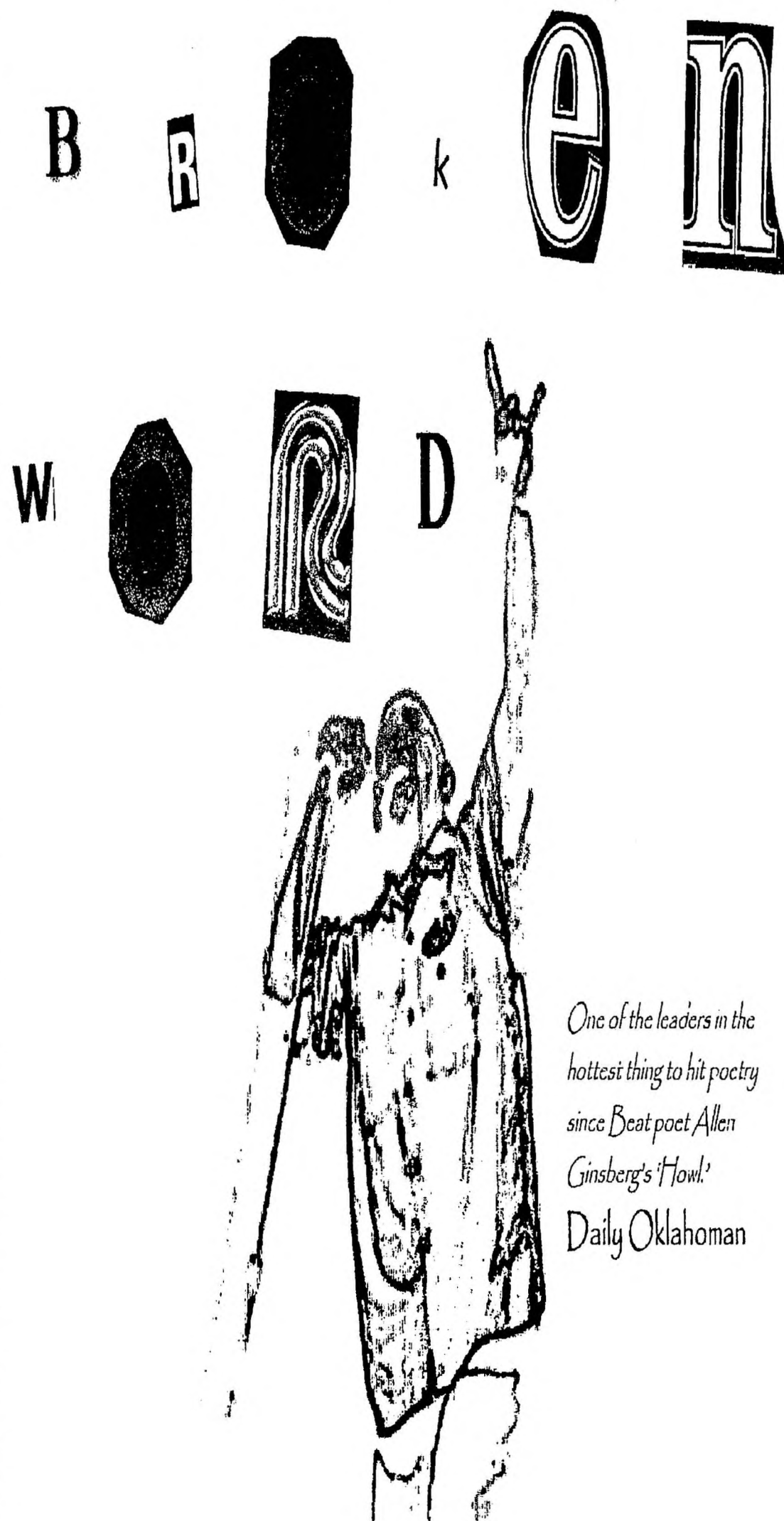
### Classifieds

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or invest in a slave supporting company unknowingly. Even though "virtually everyone in the world thinks slavery is wrong and the laws are in place to stop it in every country, the problem still remains," says Bales.

Bales, who will be traveling as the Bartlett Lecture Series speaker throughout the UA system, has some advice for those who wish to abolish slavery for once and for all. Bales narrowed it down to education and involvement. "Read the book and watch the movie," he said. The proceeds for the book and video cassette tape that were sold at the luncheon and lecture went to the Free the Slaves, a foundation that aims to help slaves across the world become liberated.



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